

***Black Boy* Reading Quiz (Chapters 1-10)**

Time: 40 minutes

Directions: Construct a thoughtful, organized response. Use specific evidence to support your assertions. You may refer to the text and incorporate quotations. Discuss any relevant narrative techniques. Limit your response to 250 words (approx. one page). Use blue or black pen. Write legibly.

Explain the commentary Wright makes about southern blacks by discussing two of the following incidents. Why is he critical of their actions and beliefs? How does Richard (the boy) make sense of the Jim Crow setting?

- His participation in gang fights in Arkansas
- His job distributing Ku Klux Klan propaganda
- His job working for Brother Mance
- His baptism at the Methodist church
- His ninth grade graduation speech
- His conversations with Griggs about “being black” and working for whites
- His reflections on crime (particularly theft)

Grading: This quiz is worth 25 points. You will be evaluated on the following criteria.

- ✓ Clear assertion (5 points)
- ✓ Demonstrates having read the text (use of specific evidence from different parts of book) (5 points)
- ✓ Insightful commentary (addresses all parts of question, commentary addresses book as a whole rather than incidents in isolation, and demonstrates thoughtful interaction with and consideration of text) (15 points)